

REMARKS

Claims 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64-66 are pending in this application. Claims 51, 54, 57, and 60 were previously withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 55, 56 and 63, without prejudice, Applicant has amended Claims 41, 42, 43, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, and 54, and Applicant has added new Claims 64-66. Applicant has amended independent Claim 41 so as to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to independent Claim 41 does not contain new matter. Applicant further submits that the amendments to each of Claims 42, 43, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, and 54, do not contain new matter. Applicant further submits that newly added Claims 64-66 do not contain new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64-66, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract Of The Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet.

Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract Of The Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. §103(a) REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claims 41-50, 53, 56, and 61-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Laval, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,173,209 (Laval) in view of Austin American Statesmen (Austin American Statesmen) and Gebb, U.S. Patent No. 6,067,532 (Gebb).

As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 55, 56 and 63, without prejudice, Applicant has amended Claims 41, 42, 43, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, and 54, and Applicant has added new Claims 64-66. Applicant has amended independent Claim 41 so as to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to independent Claim 41 does not contain new matter. Applicant further submits that the amendments to each of Claims 42, 43, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, and 54 do not contain new matter.

Applicant further submits that newly added Claims 64-66 do not contain new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64-66, is patentable over the prior art.

IA. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, AND 64, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same. Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 41 and, therefore, Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, all of the features of independent Claim 41.

Applicant respectfully submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, a computer-implemented method, comprising storing information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by

or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual, receiving and storing information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or a third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by a receiver, processing the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event with a processing device, wherein the processing device processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the

information regarding an available ticket, generating at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event, and transmitting the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 41.

Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose,

teach, or suggest, receiving and storing information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or a third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by a receiver.

Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, receiving and storing the recited information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or a third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event. Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, the

recited information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which is transmitted from the recited first communication device and is received by the recited receiver.

Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, processing the recited information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event with the recited processing device, wherein the recited processing device processes the recited information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the recited information regarding an available ticket.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 41 and, therefore, Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and

any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, all of the features of independent Claim 41.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over the prior art. Allowance of independent Claim 41 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Applicant further submits that Claims 42-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64, which Claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 41, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 41, are also patentable over the prior art as said Claims 42-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

IB. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 65 AND 66, IS
PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 65 and 66, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 65, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 65, is patentable over Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same. Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 65 and, therefore, Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, all of the features of independent Claim 65.

Applicant respectfully submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, a computer-implemented method, comprising storing information regarding a ticket request or a

ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a

portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual, receiving and storing information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event when the first individual or a third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by a receiver, processing the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event with a processing device, wherein the processing device processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket, generating at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event

which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event, and transmitting the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 65.

Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, receiving and storing information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event when the first individual or a third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a

conclusion of the event, wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by a receiver.

Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, receiving and storing the recited information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event when the first individual or a third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event. Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, the recited information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by a receiver.

Applicant submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, processing the recited information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains

after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event with the recited processing device, wherein the recited processing device processes the recited information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the recited information regarding an available ticket.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 65 and, therefore, Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same, do not disclose, teach, or suggest, all of the features of independent Claim 65.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 65, is patentable over Laval, Austin American Statesmen, Gebb, and any combination of same. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 65, is patentable over the prior

art. Allowance of independent Claim 65 is, therefore,
respectfully requested.


Applicant further submits that Claim 66, which Claim
depends directly from independent Claim 65, so as to include
all of the limitations of independent Claim 65, is also
patentable over the prior art as said Claim 66 depends from
allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 65 and 66 is, therefore,
respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62, and 64-66 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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